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The Department of External Affairs announced today that following a recent exchange of notes Canada is extending most-favoured-nation tariff treatment to Egypt on a reciprocal basis with effect from December 3, 1952.

This means that henceforth Egyptian products imported into Canada will not be subject to duties or charges higher than those levied on products of other countries receiving most-favoured-nation treatment either bilaterally or through the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Likewise Canadian products going into Egypt will be treated as favourably as the products of other countries with which Egypt has similar agreements.

Canada's exports to Egypt in 1951 amounted to \$2,465,518.00 and included, among the more important items, soups, automobiles, wheat and paper board. Canadian imports from Egypt included such items as rice and raw cotton.

The new arrangement will not affect any advantages accorded by Canada exclusively to other countries of the Commonwealth or to Ireland. Neither will it affect special privileges accorded by Egypt to adjoining countries and to members of the Arab League.

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